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keyboard in related art. Accordingly, a user can make an input operation using the keyboard input portion 333 when desiring to make a key input operation.

FIG. 15 is a view showing another example of the display screen 6' of the electronic apparatus 300 shown in FIG. 11.

The status bar 330 and the like are displayed at an end portion on one side of the display screen 6', and an image or the like is displayed in other area of the display screen 6'. According to the structure as described above, it is possible to use the electronic apparatus 300 as an electronic apparatus 300 including a horizontally long and wide display screen 6'.

FIG. 16 is a view showing another example of the display screen 6' of the electronic apparatus 300 shown in FIG. 11.

In addition to the status bar 330 and the like shown in FIG. 15, a circular key or rectangular key 340 is displayed in a part of the display areas A and B, for example. The circular key or rectangular key 340 is used for selecting or determining letters, symbols, or the like. According to the structure as described above, it is possible to perform an input operation using the key 340 displayed on the display screen 6' while viewing an image or the like displayed on the display screen 6'.

FIG. 17 is a perspective view showing a closed state of an electronic apparatus of a sixth embodiment, and FIG. 18 is a perspective view showing an open state of the electronic apparatus shown in FIG. 17.

This embodiment is an example in which the present invention is applied to a cellular phone. An electronic apparatus 400 according to this embodiment of the present invention includes an articulated coupling mechanism 401 having the same structure as that of the articulated coupling mechanism 4 described above. The articulated coupling mechanism 401 is structured similar to the articulated coupling mechanism 4 except that the coupling number of the coupling plates that are coupled in series is small and the axis diameter of the coupling plates is reduced, as compared to the first embodiment etc. described above. As shown in FIG. 18, the electronic apparatus 400 includes a display 410 provided over the entire area extending from a display portion 402 side to a main body portion 403 side. The display 410 includes a display screen 406 on which an image or the like is displayed. For the display 410, a thin display panel having flexibility is used, for example.

According to the structure as described above, the display portion 402 and the main body portion 403 can be coupled to each other using the articulated coupling mechanism 401 including the coupling plates of a small axis diameter even in the electronic apparatus 400 such as a cellular phone. Further, it is possible to couple and fix the coupling plates of a small axis diameter to the thin main body portion 403 and achieve thinning of the main body portion 403 in the vicinity of the axis. Moreover, it is possible to display a large size or large amount of information by the large display screen 406.

FIG. 19 is a view showing an example of the display screen 406 of the electronic apparatus 400 shown in FIG. 18.

An information bar 420 and the like are displayed on the top of the display screen 406, and images, moving images, and the like are displayed in other area of the display screen 406. According to the structure as described above, it is possible to use the electronic apparatus 400 as an electronic apparatus 400 including a vertically long display screen 406 and display an image or the like in an enlarged manner or in a large amount on the entire area of the vertically long and wide display screen 406.

FIG. 20 is a view showing an example of the display screen 406 of the electronic apparatus 400 shown in FIG. 18.

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In addition to the information bar 420 and the like on the top of the display screen 406, an input key 430 is displayed in a display area D. The input key 430 has a function similar to that of an input key of a cellular phone in related art. According to the structure as described above, a user can make an input operation using the input key 430 when desiring to make an input operation.

FIG. 21 is a view showing an example of the display screen 406 of the electronic apparatus 400 shown in FIG. 18.

In addition to the information bar 420 and the like on the top of the display screen 406, an input key 440 is displayed in the display area D. The input key 440 has a function similar to that of an input key for inputting numbers, letters, or the like of a cellular phone in related art. According to the structure as described above, a user can make an input operation using the input key 440 when desiring to input numbers or letters, for example.

FIG. 22 is a view showing an example of the display screen 406 of the electronic apparatus 400 shown in FIG. 18.

In addition to the information bar 420 and the like on the top of the display screen 406, a selection/determination input key 450 and the like are displayed in the display area D. The selection/determination input key 450 has a function similar to a selection/determination input key for selecting or determining numbers, letters, or the like of a cellular phone in related art. According to the structure as described above, a user can make an input operation using the selection/determination input key 450 when desiring to make an input operation of selecting or determining letters or numbers, for example.

FIG. 23 is a view showing an example of the display screen 406 of the electronic apparatus 400 shown in FIG. 18.

An information bar 460 and the like are displayed at an end portion on one side of the display screen 406, and an image or the like is displayed in other area of the display screen 406. According to the structure as described above, it is possible to use the electronic apparatus 400 as an electronic apparatus 400 including a horizontally long and wide display screen 406.

FIG. 24 is a view showing an example of the display screen 406 of the electronic apparatus 400 shown in FIG. 18.

In addition to the information bar 460 and the like, a circular key or rectangular key 470 is displayed on the display screen 406, for example. The circular key or rectangular key 470 has a function similar to that of a selection/determination input key for selecting or determining numbers, letters, or the like of a cellular phone in related art. According to the structure as described above, it is possible to make an input operation of selecting or determining letters or numbers using the key 470 displayed on the display screen 406 while viewing an image or the like displayed on the display screen 406.

FIG. 25 is a perspective view showing an open state of an electronic apparatus of a seventh embodiment.

This embodiment is an example in which the present invention is applied to a foldable thin television. An electronic apparatus 500 includes a main body portion 501 that can receive content data such as a program, a display portion 502 on which the content data received by the main body portion 501 is displayed, and an articulated coupling mechanism 503 that couples the main body portion 501 and the display portion 502 to each other. The articulated coupling mechanism 503 has the same structure as that of the articulated coupling mechanism 4 of the embodiments described above. The display portion 502 includes a display screen 505 on an opposite side of a surface facing the main body portion 501 when the electronic apparatus 500 is folded. The main body portion 501 includes an upper surface having a curved shape that is